Police Commissioner Is to Promulgate to the Force Regulations for the Government of Public Conveyances --- Corporation Counsel Denounces Overcharges.

Police Commissioner Greene has joined the revolt of the citizens who have for years suffered from the extortionate charges of unscrupulous cabmen. To-day he announces that he will take immediate action to clear the atmosphere as to any doubts that the citizen may have as to his rights, and sacidentally will define the legal status of the cabman and his fare. Commissioner Greene said:

"I shall at once apply to the Corporation Counsel for a full opinion on the existing cab fare ordinances, whether or not a policeman has the right to arrest a passenger on complaint of a cabman, or the cabman on complaint of the passenger.

"Some authoritative action should be taken at once on this matter. As soon as I receive the opinion of the Corporation Counsel I shall issue an order to all members of the Police Department defining their powers and the action they shall take in trying to settle disputes between cabmen and their

Corporation Counsel Rives heartily commends the agitation against extertionate charges by cabmen. He will assign an assistant at the hearings before Deputy Chief of the Bureau of Licenses Merriam to-day, before whom the cases of fifteen accused cabmen will be acted upon

CORPORATION COUNSEL IS AROUSED, The Corporation Counsel said to-day:

"I shall do all in my power to aid in a readjustment of a bad system. It is time that the cabmen realized that they are standing in their own light, and the quicker they are brought to a realization of this fact the better it will be for them and the public.

"Hardly a prominent man in this city, or in fact, any man or woman who is accustomed to riding in cabs, but could tell a story of the extortionate practices of cabmen. I for years have had dealings with cabmen, and the result has not been satisfactory. There should be some system devised which will prevent the public from being overcharged. When such overcharges are carried on systematically, as at present, it is a system of robbery, and proper laws should be adopted to prevent the practice.

"There should be a system of low rates, and one by which the fare may know to a dime what he or she will have to pay before engaging a cab. At present it is not only the practice of cabmen to overcharge, but to insult patrons who protest against extortion. Many persons are prevented junction, and leave it for a trial in from riding in public cabs because of these unpleasant and undesirable

POLICE SHOULD REGULATE IT.

"The police should be made factors in this effort to remedy a bad system. The police should determine on the spot any arguments between a fare and the cabman, and the policeman's decision should be final. If a policeman is then found favoring the cabman the fact should be made the

"But we cannot expect the police to act with discretion until the police are carefully instructed with reference to the legal rate of fares and receive such schooling in that direction as will qualify him to act as a judge New York Orator Visits the Irish in such matters. If his decision is not agreeable to the fare, who still believes he or she is being overcharged, then there is the License Bureau to

"I have frequently been asked to pay a dollar for a ride from the Fall River line wharf to the Downtown Club, a distance of half a mile. I have refused to pay the rate and usually the cabman then offers to take me for 75 cents. I have declined to pay more than 50 cents, which is considered a fair price, and should be even less. Sometimes the cabman has agreed to carry me for the half dollar, but I have frequently been compelled to paper, the Sligo Champion. When taken pay the 75 cents rather than engage in a rate discussion with the driver

"The fact that cabmen charge \$2 and \$3 for less than an hour's drive through Central Park is an outrageous overcharge and should be stopped. I shall do all in my power to aid in stopping it.

"I am in favor of securing the establishment of a cab system which will encourage the more general use of cabs, and this can only be accomplished by the adoption of ordinances which will secure not only lower rates but a strict enforcement of those ordinances.

LOW RATE WOULD BE POPULAR.

"If the cabbies would adopt quarter-dollar fares instead of the dollar rate they would increase their business and make cab riding the fea- THIEF GOT DIAMOND ture in New York that it is in the life of London and other great European cities, where adequate regulations are strictly enforced by the authorities.

THREATENED WITH DEATH, ENDED LIFE.

White Plains Contractor Whom Brigands Had Menaced Stabbed Himself in the Breast.

(Special to The Evening World.) WHITE PLAINS, June 8.—Joe Russeo, an Italian contractor of White Plains, became despondent over the threats he had received from members of the "Society of Bad Life," a secret organization, that unless he contrib-WHITE PLAINS, June 8 .- Joe Rus-

uted money to its fund he would be killed. He stabbed himself in the breast and died in the Westchester County Hospital to-day.

Russeo told several friends that he would rather die by his own hand than have the brigands connected with the society kill him. He also refused to contribute to the society, which has been making a practise of compelling Italians to give money under threat of death.

Medal for Loubet.

VANDERBILT'S PORTE COCHERE IN COURT.

Flagrant Violation of Law, Assistant Corporation Counsel Cosby

That new porte cochere on George W Vanderbilt's Fifth avenue mansion is 'a most flagrant violation of the law injunction to restrain the city authorities from removing it is an amazing according to Assistant Corporation Counsel Arthur F. osby. He so characterized it in his argument to-day in defense of the right of Borough Presi-dent Cantor to tear down the structure because it extends to the middle of the siewalk. The porte cochere is practically completed and cost \$50,000.

city had waited two years and let the Knickerbocker Trust Company com plete the building of a grand approach to the new Fifth avenue building, in alhalf of the public sidewalk at Thirtyfourth street, Justice Blanchard heard tion for an injunction to prevent President Cantor from tearing down the

George W. Murray appeared for Mr Justice Blanchard reserved decision

COURT LETS BIG STOOP BE BUILT

Judge Refuses to Restrain Construction of Approach to Knickerbocker Trust Co.'s Building.

Justice Blanchard to-day denied the application of Corporation Counsel Rives for a peremptory and mandatory injusction against the Knickerbocke Trust Company to compel the corporation to tear down the approach to the new building at Fifth avenue and Thirty-fourth street, which reaches out fifteen feet on the sidewalk, or eight feet beyond the new stoop line,

"The work," said the Justice, "is alhas been completed in full compliance with the plans approved by the Building in the exercise of the discretion of the

court on the merits, adding that the fact that half the neighboring buildings en-croached on the street did not neces-sarily excuse the Knickerbocker from

BOURKE COCKRAN SEES M'HUGH IN JAIL

Editor Arrested in Sligo on an Old Warrant.

DUBLIN, June 8 .- Bourke Cockran, of New York, had a conference with P. A. Mr. McHugh was arrested Saturday morning under a warrant for contemp with the political comments of his nto custody Mr. McHugh was starting

into custody Mr. McHugh was starting for Longford to meet Mr. Cockran, who was on his way to Slige to receive the freedom of that city.

An Irish National League meeting annunced to take place \$t\tallow\$, Waterford, yesterday was suppressed by the police. The members of the League however, assembled in a field outside the town, and after listening to speeches delivered by James J. O'Shea and Thomas J. Condon, M. P., the meeting denounced the proposal of the Corporation of Waterford to present an address to King Edward on the occasion of His Majesty's proposed visit to Ireland.

FROM TIM CAMPBELL

Extracted a Sparkling Gem from the Congressman's Shirt Front In a Street Car.

Ex-Congressman Timothy J. Campbell s mourning the loss of an \$800 diamond pin to-day which was "lifted" from his shirt front last night while he was riding in a Grand street car.
Congressman Campbell did not dis-

cover his loss until he reached his home on the east side. Then he hurried to the police station and reported it. He valued the pin highly, for it was presented to him by his former constituents when he was a power in politics on the east side. The police are making an effort to trace the pin or the thief.

Justice O'Gorman Refuses Application of West Side Association for Writ Against the Interurban Company.

NOT THE PROPER REMEDY.

the Railroad Commissioners or by

Supreme Court Justice O'Gor an to lay denied the writ of peremptory mandamus asked for by James S. Lehmaler. of the West Side Citizens' Transit Reurban Street Railway Company to Is sue transfers to passengers at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Eight

lamus asked for is too general in character; that a writ might be granted for specific thing, but the individual can not secure a general and public relief. This means simply that a single citizen annot act in court for the general pubic, and some other method must be pany to issue transfers at all crossings. low exactly the line of argument pre- he says in that line." sented in behalf of the Interurban Street Railway Company by ex-Judge Charles complete transfer system recourse cust be had to the State Railroad Comnissioners and the Attorney-General.

The Full Opinion.

Justice O'Gorman said, in full: "If it be assumed that the defendant as violated the obligation imposed upon t by the laws of this State with respec mandamus, in my opinion, is not the

"For a failure to perform the duty not be statute the aggrieved BODY party is entitled to a penalty which may be recovered by action." penalties of \$50 each in Justice Worces

ter's District Court for being refused Justice O'Gorman continued in his de-

"Redress may also be had by appeal to the Railroad Commissioners of the State. If, in their judgment, any railroad corporation has violated any law or neglected in any respect to comply with the provisions of any law, the toard shall give notice thereof to the company, and if the violation, neglect or refusal is continued to present the matter to the Attorney-General, who shall take such proceedings thereon as may be necessary for the protection of the public interests.

"Corporations owning or operating railroads must comply with the decisions and recommendations of the Railroad Commissioners, and if they fail to do so the board is required to present the facts in the case to the Attorney-General for his consideration and action.

These legal remedies would seem to offer adequate relief to aggrieved passengers, and in such a case resort to the extraordinary remedy of mandamus will not be permitted.

"A writ of mandamus may issue in a proper case to compel the doing of a specific act, but it may not be invoked to compel a general course of conduct for a long series of continuous acts, as it will-be inconvenient, if not impossible, for the Court to oversee the performance of such duties."

Many Suits May Result.

This matter will be appealed, but meantime the West Side Transit Association is advising the people to sue for the \$50 penalty against the company whenever denied a transfer, believing that a few hundred judgments of \$50 each will be apt to produce the transfer reform all are fighting for.

VATICAN NAMES MANILA ARCHBISHOP

Appointment of Rev. J. J. Harty, of St. Louis, Officially An-

ROME, June 8.-The Vatican to-day officially announced that Rev. J. J. Harty, pastor of St. Leo's Church, of St. Louis, has been appointed Archbishop of Manila.

ONLY HOPE RESTS WITH NEW BRIDGES.

Commissioner Lindenthal Says Their Completion Will Be the Single Solution of Present Crowding.

lared to-day that the only hope for re Brooklyn Bridge depends upon the quick

"The Williamsburg Bridge should not

be in operation," he said, "were it not

for several strikes that tied up the work. It is impossible, owing to complications that have resulted, to fix the exact date for the opening of the bridge. great at present that a delay in the ite, during the rush hours, creates a serious congestion. The proposed nev Suits for Damages on Specific Re- terminals cannot be completed for years, and even with additional loops for the trolleys the congestion canno that bridge is constantly increasing.
"The only relief rests with the other new bridges, which are being pushed energetically."

DOES NOT MATTER WHAT PLATT SAYS

That's Murphy's Opinion About the Estimate Made by the Senator of Devery's Vote.

"So Senator Platt believes that Devery and his possible 20,000 votes are going Tammany, does he?" asked Charles F. Murphy at Tammany Hal to-day. "Well, the Senator is entitled to his belief. No one could expect him Justice O'Gorman's decision seems to to say otherwise, and no one heeds what

Leader Murphy would make no further statement.
The Sachems of the Tammany Society elected at a recent meeting will be in-stailed in the Wigwam to-night. They are Charles F. Murphy, Paniel F. Mc-Mahon, Thomas J. Dunn and Patrick Keenan, present leader, former Judge, former Sheriff and former City Cham-berlain respectively.

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